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IN CHICAGO "

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outside a little before 4-A.M. but didn't pay any attention thinking they were phenomena.

Then o'clock came, and he didn't come. The strange noises continued.

"I wonder what's the matter," said Violet. "He said he'd be here at 7-A.M. and nothing would prevent him?"

The bales of the Elm tree.

"Maybe all we told him made him disengaged and he gave it up," suggested Pennrod in a tone of regret.

"Then he couldn't be exactly what he said he was" declared Jennie.

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"But he does not look like one who would make an appointment and break it." put in Catherine.

"And the way he acted he was surely crazy about our company" ejaculated (Catherine) Daisy. "We seem a little bit of Heaven."

At this moment Angelina's eyes were turned towards the large wall clock which seemed to be going slow very slowly to day.

That is why Angelina who was almost never impatient was saying with some impatience in her voice:-

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"I'm afraid he won't be coming now, its way after half ten."

At that very instant they heard George voice outside, not far off it seemed from the dangerous Elm tree:-

"For heaven's sake Harry hurry up and connect that splice piece there. What's keeping you? We've been working on this since half past three this morning and it's now half past ten. The devils will be laughing at us." It ought to have been finished before eight."

"I can't keep it, the crazy thing won't connect" came the answer.

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Everyone rushed down the stairs but quietly till they reached the main entrance and stood outside. They beheld a startling, surprising sight.

Facing the tree but some distance across the walk was something they had not expected to see anything nearly as awe inspiring as their balloon but much more broader longer and very high.

yet it also was on a wheeled platform.

Pennrod and his sisters stood looking at it from where they were for over a minute as if they couldn't be-

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lieve the like. A number of boys were still working at it feverishly, and George though directing it all was working just as hard.

"Now I know why we didn't see him come in at 7 a.m." said Violet "He was busy putting that up."

"Let's go and see what it is" suggested Webber George.

"No let's wait until they finish it" objected Jennie "We may bother them and delay their work. We want to get through with the demons some time."

"So they sat on the outside steps and watched

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the boys at work. They were sitting there only for a few minutes when George Scanlon spotted them and leaving his work came hastily up to them.

After apologizing for not having come in at seven o'clock and explaining why he said:-

"That over yonder is our means of defense against the tree demons when we go to work against them there. It was an invention of my father.

He used it to avoid tree attacks when he fought demons in trees. It was a big

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job putting it up, and it took us from three thirty until now, and still it ain't finished.

My father invented it and we've always preserved it for an emergency. Come over and give it the once over."

They eagerly followed him towards where the great object stood.

It is quite hard to describe it but it sure showed itself worthy of its part and when they reached it one of the boys cried:-

"It's all ready now, George, now let the crazy devils have it."

Violet and the others gave it the once over

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and they observed it had straight ladders going to the top and on the top to the surprise of Pennrod and his sisters was something in the form of an alter.

I do not care to waste the time to give too much description about it but to go on with the details of their attempt on the Elm tree.

All of the boys at Georges command mounted it like little monkeys while George calling to Pennrod got it shored very close to the tree.

As they did so all were shocked by a

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horrid tumultuous cry, a most uncanny cry that seemed to come from the tree, up among its branches and from the air around it and from the very object itself, with the familiar words:

"I'm cursed, I'm cursed and so are ye all."

It was the first time that Violet and her sisters had ever heard the cry though they had heard a lot of talk about it.

And the horrid sound made the blood seem to freeze in their veins.

They all stood motionless expecting to hear the cry repeated but all now was a

death like stillness.  
"Shall we go ahead?" whispered George in an awe stricken voice.

"Yes but be cautious and careful" answered Pennrod. "The demons of the tree are tricky base, deceiving malicious and dangerous exceedingly dangerous."

So it was gradually pushed a little closer, a little closer, and still a little closer.

Then all of a sudden the whole outfit was fiercely, most vigorously thrashed and lashed by all the biggest branches, the demons of the tree endearingly to batter it to

pieces. But it was too strongly made and the branches couldnt even scratch scratch it or even so much as move it an inch.

As the tree acted up more than it ever did before the boys opened a withering fire of holy water from spray guns.

Soon the crazy actions of the tree gradually ceased though there was a strange distant tumult of weird uncanny voices:

"We think we won this time" declared Pennrod.

"Dont count your chickens before they're hatched" warned George.

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"I forgot," confessed Perraud  
"I know the devils are  
very deceiving? They're  
called the father of all  
lies. And I know."

Ide was interrupted by  
a strange loud crackling  
sound and observed that  
the trunk of the tree  
was stretching and bend-  
ing forward, not back-  
wards as expected while  
at the same time slow-  
ly swaying from side  
to side, while also  
following the movement  
of the trunk all the  
branches were packing  
close together all  
stretching and bend-  
ing towards the alter  
on the scaffold  
while the trunk near

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the top assumed the  
formation of a horrid phan-  
ton face. Violet and her  
sisters saw this from where  
they stood, and fearing  
what was to come ran  
towards the altar scaffold  
and each grabbing hold  
pulled it quickly out of  
the way and just in  
time.

All the branches with  
one accord made a swift  
tremendous swing at  
it, and had they struck,  
the whole thing would  
have been sent crash-  
ing sidewise to the  
ground or turned bottom  
upward killing or  
injuring everyone on  
it.

There came a dread-

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ful loud howling noise  
from all parts of the  
tree as it righted itself  
as the demons realized  
they had been defeated  
in their purpose by  
the little girls.

The scaffold after  
was again moved close  
to the tree but they  
being cautious this  
time did not push it  
as close as before.

Yet now the tree  
remained stationary  
and there was no  
further sounds.

"I believe the demons  
are away from the  
tree for good this  
time" said Webber  
George.  
It did seem to be

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for the tree was never  
as quiet as before. Yet  
the only way for proof  
was for somebody to  
dare the chance of app-  
roaching as close to  
the tree as possible  
one could get, and that  
would be a very, very  
dangerous thing indeed,  
even to suade if it  
was still possessed.

Violet proposed to  
do it, but Pernod would  
not let her go alone.  
If even she was  
angel possessed, and  
went with her some  
of her sisters blaring  
to follow.

They soon were stand-  
ing almost up against  
the very trunk, but

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the tree seemed only to resume its natural appearance and showed no phenomenon of any kind.

I regret to say they were all deceived, if it is true that persons are possessed by angels demons dare not harm them in any fatal way.

Had any one else besides Pennrod and his sisters gone that close to the tree they either would not have come back alive or been so badly injured that they would have been in a hospital longer than a year.

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The demons hoping to trap somebody else were disappointed in observing the Vinnians coming instead, and dare not harm them.

But George and the others were suspicious. "I have heard a whole lot about you little girls," he said. "Those demons cannot fool me. You little girls are possessed by angels, and the fiends dare not harm you. If any of us go near the tree its too bad. That tree is still possessed but at a distance."

"How can you tell?" asked Pennrod.

"But the bark shows it"

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declared Violet realizing the fact now. "It's appearance has not changed."

"Why that's so" admitted George "Oh those tricky Gargoyles. If we were ordinary girls they would have killed us. We've only drove the demons off at a distance!"

"Yes and in order to win we must keep them at a distance" ejaculated George "Are the girls and boys of your nationality wearing the four colored clothes ready to perform the stations of the cross, and the priests to be

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saying the Masses, throughout the grounds?"

"Yes, but I don't like to risk it" answered Penrod "I remember the outcome of the procession and attempts at the stations of the cross, and fear the same results will follow again."

"Well lets take the chances unless you and your sisters want to stay here for years" said George sort of seriously "If we let the demons think we're afraid to risk anything they'll take advantage of it and counter attack, and probably gain ground. Give the orders

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for the Stations of the Cross and the Masses.

I've got a priest to say a Mass on my alter platform we're on."

Perrrod did so, and while the Stations of the Cross and the Masses were started, the boys with Holy Water and other sacramentals renewed the attack getting the Alter & scaffolding directly under the tree this time.

It took some time maybe over an hour before the ceremonies thusly mentioned came to a conclusion but contrary to Perrrod's expectations and

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fears everything remained serene and calm. There was no phenomenon of any kind not even the sighing of a breeze in any of the trees.

"I believe we really have won" declared Webber George "Look how still everything is."

"I can tell if we're deceived or not" whispered Violet to George Scanlon.

"How?"

"By the reflections attached to our Paloo."

"Go and see but be careful they don't detect you" warned George. "Let your brother go with you for protection"

She and Perrrod were

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gone for about twenty minutes and during that time the fight went on. Then coming back she said:

"Evans is bringing it out here. It does not reflect anything through walls which I forgot. I'm afraid we are tricked though because it seemed

some of the branches of the Elm tree tried to reach in an open window to grab Marjories sister, at least she said so herself."

"I thought you could see by the reflector at any distance?" she interrupted "Yes but not

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through walls or solid objects) to nothing magic its natural as anything else, its only a trick of the glass.

Soon its was brought out, Evans carrying its by himself. All the little Virrions mounted it this time, and as many as could got a glimpse through the reflector.

"It seems too good to be true," she said when she rejoined the others again. "but we can't see any demons anywhere. The trees however are solid objects, and therefore we cannot see by any means. But by the reflector I don't like the looks of the

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outhouses and shanties  
on the grounds. They're  
still possessed. So is the  
Elm tree. But we are  
gaining ground magnifi-  
cently.

An hour now passed  
and a concentrated attack  
was being made along  
the line of barns which  
seemed quite successful.

But as it was learned  
the attack simultaneously  
from basement, and  
roof within the build-  
ing itself, and against  
the Elm tree was  
not at all encour-  
aging, especially the  
tree.

The demons came  
back with fierce count-  
er attacks such as

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renewing the phenomena  
now to a greater degree  
the only ones being exem-  
pted so far, was the fiery  
one, and the upside down  
nonsense, though every  
devil fighter was chased  
and attacked by the well  
known fiery hands.

Though those outside  
won to a degree the  
little Virginians feared  
inwardly that the ground  
and tree evil spirits  
would be driven into  
the house, which would  
add to the number there  
in and make the sit-  
uation much more  
difficult, if not ex-  
tremely dangerous.

Evans secretly be-  
lieved the reason those

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inside did not make any progress was because Penrod and his sisters were not within, for it seemed evident that the demons feared them more than all those within the building.

But Penrod was afraid that only through the presence of himself, the fiends dared not try anything on his sisters and any suggestion that some of his sisters operate in the building and the other little Virgins outside in the grounds was opposed by him, and them too.

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Even George Scanlon did not agree to it, nor the Octopus and Webber George either.

"Cut the Elm tree down" suggested the Octopus.

"Yes sure, go ahead commit suicide" declared George Scanlon. "You can't cut the tree down unless the demons lose their power on it, and then if they are gone you wouldn't want to."

As all those heard who were outside, within the building during the fight against the demons, one of the very priests was constantly scratched by unseen hands and then routed into

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the music room near  
by by pursuing fiery  
hands.

In the basement  
a washing machine  
swirled itself across  
the floor against an  
other of the priests  
knocking him down,  
while the table tips-  
ped forward with a  
loud crash not dash.

A pair of large  
shears on a shelf  
trembled and shook  
and went flying  
at a third priest  
almost sticking him  
in the face.

Then an alarm  
clock hurled itself  
at another priest  
and simultaneously

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a large kettle of boil-  
ing water raised itself  
from the basement  
laundry stove and flew  
at Father Carney barely  
missing him, and fell  
to the floor.

A hammer flew  
through the air grazing  
Father Casey's head  
and then as if held  
by an invisible hand  
went hammering  
along the whole length  
of the basement  
wall.

Also the big pendle  
lum clock on the  
wall came down  
from its hangings  
and leaped up at  
every one in its path.  
During the early

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morning fight in the house Marjorie was descending the stairs when something grasped the lower part of her left leg and threw her headlong down the stairs almost injuring her.

At the same time in another part of the house the same thing happened to Margaret Masters.

She was thrown down the stairs breaking an ankle. Also from the second floor pillows from bedrooms 'thirteen boxes of soap' and all other small articles were flung down the stairs.

Simultaneously a

large tea kettle flew off a hook in the kitchen and whistled towards Marjorie's head. She screamed as it hit her but she was not hit.

Eggs jumped, all over the hall in a bouncing and dancing manner a rolling swiftly up and down the halls without breaking.

Many other phenomena occurred upsetting and preventing any efforts on the part of those inside from gaining any headway.

And it isn't often that devil fighters suffer repulses at the beginning of this kind of discourse. Even if their

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fighting inside started to day as it did, no one outside suspected that reports of it came out very discouraging bringing Pennrod and his sisters to the scene and then to witness phenomena and hear noises that made it seem further fighting was virtually worth less.

Pennrod and his sisters went inside in time to hear as if coming nowhere six deep and hollow knocks resounding throughout the whole house big as it was followed by a deafening continual clattering roar of the well renowned Universal.

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click for several minutes. It was evident that no one was making any headway within the "crazy house" At first consideration Violet and her sisters decided that probably after all the evil spirits dared not go even if they wanted to.

The boy George Scanlon, knew of one way the demons might flee the place but he was afraid to suggest it to Pennrod and his sisters.

His father having been a student for 25 years of psychic demonical phenomena of all characters had taught George a whole

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lot, and he knew what to do. The attempt therefore that day was given up, and he with the little Vrman went to see Mr. Sesemann at his residence.

After listening to all he had to say and of all the testimony of tenants he showed, at Sesemann's own residence they found everything normal.

Taking they pursued their fighting. They made no progress in the house whatever. Surely the increase in the manifestations throughout possessed parts of the building and all the

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furniture once more going on the street march indicated something strange at work. Once the little girls alone by themselves for only a minute had to flee into the now only safe room the library, to escape from pernicious fiery hands which strove to strangle them with their sunray fiery fingers.

And they were forced to remain there until Pernod came to their rescue.

I thought progress seemed very good outside the demons in the house were getting fiercer and

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more savage. Investigation revealed that all the fierce manifestations were changing and always took place more violently than ever before at Perrondo sisters, and seemed at times to take place in the presence and unknown to themselves cooperation of him and his sisters themselves.

In other words it seemed to be a clear case of telekinesis that is the unexplained displacement of objects and sounds. One strange

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phenomena occurred however which was not expected. This phenomenon never occurring before in Mr. Sese man's crazy house suggests the action of invisible hands.

Two of the Uranian girls Violette and Angeline always or mostly wore their hair in long braids. So does Marynia masters.

It seemed however to be like the telekinesis phenomena unlike poltergeist manifestation and appeared to be attached attached to the little girls them.

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selves. The case was that something by the nature of the phenomena caused their hair-braids to suddenly coil around their necks with the most awful tightness strangling them as ropes would being pulled by a sort of twisting machine causing their tongues to protrude out much further than any strong Glandelinian soldier could have done by his choking methods.

The phenomena occurred for the first time in Mr. Resemans house, but historians and explorers believe

it organized in fetishism among savages.

Theories propounded by Father Casey to account for deciphering telekineses phenomena are that the demons make the individual appear to involve sub-consciously in assisting in producing all of the strange phenomena.

That invisible emanations produced by unknown forces actually are peculiar to certain demons.

These emanations are deduced from their manifestations to be psychic semi flexible rods projecting from the bodies of the

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telekinized demons  
The end portions being  
struck sharply on floor  
table, chair or other body  
cause the raps and knock.

No one can account  
for the phenomenon  
of the strangling hair  
bands which however  
only continued for half  
a minute without the  
interference of anybody  
but after that never  
nerve wracking  
experience the three  
girls saw to it here-  
after that their hair  
bands were securely  
fastened to the  
top of their heads  
while within that  
terrible house.

George Scanlon was

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very curious for the good  
of them all, to know why  
the demons will do "the  
strangling" on little  
girls and work phenom-  
enons of different kinds  
on other persons.

From the descrip-  
tions furnished by  
Scanlon, through hor-  
ror experienced by  
lunatics of the past,  
all children killed  
by phenomena were  
girls, and they  
too were strangled.

Boys seldom were  
ever harmed. Then  
came to George mind  
of God's curse on Sat-  
an after the fall  
of Adam and Eve.  
"I will place enmity

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enimity between thee  
and the woman. She  
shall crush thy head  
and thou shalt lie in  
wait for her heel."

Ah that seemed to ex-  
plain it. The demons  
venimously hate girls  
and women and thus  
the phenomena,

Therefore in any  
possessed house girls  
were in more greater  
danger than any one  
else.

And he wondered  
too why Pennock's  
sisters chose to fight  
these man's demons  
when it was the  
work of priests  
only to do so."

But Mr. Seeman

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had more confidence  
in the little Virgins  
on account of their strange  
holiness, than any  
priest or anybody else  
and that, the reason  
he petitioned them.

Yet the grounds were  
almost cleared of the  
demons except the  
tree, and that was no  
easy matter.

But George Scanlon  
did not expect any  
success in a day or  
a week, and did not  
say so either.

He had not even  
expected such prompt  
success in the grounds  
either.

But he knew pos-  
itively his efforts

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would bring permanent success in due time and renew how it would be done but which he didn't mention yet.

Mr. Beeseman must cooperate by finding out whether his property was possessed soon after the erection of the structure. And the cause of the trouble if possible. And all the former tenants also must cooperate.

Nevertheless the progress that was gained on the ground caused every one to gain more confidence courage and

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pep in their work and therefore to redouble their efforts. But the evil spirits also redoubled their own fury to such a degree that some of the very priests got scared for the first time even Father Carnay.

At supper time Pernod said

"In this house we are no nearer success than before we started I'm really convinced that it must be possible that God wills the fiends to stay yet, though the angel of the miraculous medal only says 'wait and see' Our Blessed

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Sard wishes the demons humiliated by our presence. His will be done."

"I can't see how that can be possible after all." said the Octopus  
"I've read that demons have even possessed some people for more than thirty years. despite everything that priests and other religious persons might try to drive them out.

My own father has known of places and so do I in Europe and England, which has been possessed by fiends for centuries and have never been

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driven out yet. From those possessed places is where all those crazy full of nonsense ghost stories come from and the goings on are not by ghosts at all.

I believe there's something about this crazy place that Mr. Resemann does not know of at all, at least nobody does.

The condition of this 'crazy house' is desperate and does almost seem hopeless. And then we're all gone ahead on a very, very dangerous under-taking. If your little

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sisters were not possessed by angels something awful might have happened to us for the demons are very powerful and any one coming in this place guilty of mortal sin could be running the chances of being badly possessed themselves.

"I hate to say it but it looks like a long time before we'll win."

"Not if I can help it" declared George. "I came here to give my aid and I am determined to see you all win an easy victory. The grounds are about